



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Broom Removal

**LOCATION:** Standish Hickey State Recreation Area      **COUNTY:** Mendocino

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to remove three exotic plants, French broom (*Genista monspessulana*), Spanish broom (*Cytisus multiflorus*), and English ivy (*Hedera helix*) from an area of less than 5 acres total, on two gravel bars below the Hickey Campground and along the river access trail that begins near the campfire center. This will support the growth of native plants and enhance visitors' experiences.

These species will be removed using hand tools, primarily weed wrenches and Pulaskis. A hand saw or chainsaw may be required to cut some of the larger broom plants to the ground. English ivy vines will be removed by hand from the ground and loppers will be used to cut vines growing on trees. Excavation will not exceed 24 inches in depth.

Treatment and retreatment efforts will be performed by California Conservation Corp and Cal Fire crews or Team Standish (Mendocino Area Parks Association) and volunteers. All removed vegetation will be piled and burned on site or transported to an appropriate dumping area to be burned at a later date. NCRD Resource Management staff and/or Team Standish will ensure that all burn permits are obtained and that the all pile burning requirements are followed.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Broom Removal. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

This project expands the treatment area approved under and supersedes the previous NOE (SCH #2013068315).

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** North Coast Redwoods District

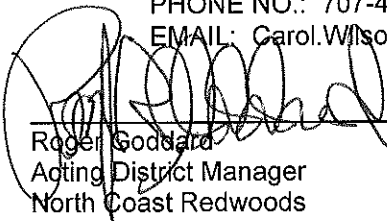
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)  
☒ Categorical Exemption      Class: 4, 33      Section: 15304, 15333

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and consists of restoration that does not exceed five acres in size for plant and wildlife habitat; included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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